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NAIROBI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN MSG COMPLEMENT

REF: DAMASCUS 281624Z

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST EFFORTS TO OBTAIN LOCAL
GUARD FORCES TO RELIEVE MARINES OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PATROLLING RESIDENCE GROUNDS, AND RELOCATION OF MSG POST
TO INTERIOR OF RESIDENCE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT DESIRE TO PLACE SAFETY OF AMBASSA-
DOR IN JEOPARDY, THEREFORE INCREASE OF MSG T/O HAS BEEN
REQUESTED. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT CONCERNED OVER BILLETING
ARRANGEMENTS. AT TIME OF LAST INCREASE DURING APRIL, 1977,
DEPARTMENT STATED OBJECTIVE OF SINGLE BEDROOM FOR EACH
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MARINE AFTER POST STATED INTENT TO DOUBLE UP IN ONE ROOM
TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL MARINE. THERE IS NO INDICATION
THAT SITUATION HAS BEEN CORRECTED. INTRODUCTION OF TWO
ADDITIONAL MARINES TO A HOUSE WHICH PRESENTLY DOES NOT
MEET STANDARDS OF DEPARTMENT'S AGREEMENT WITH MARINE CORPS
WILL ONLY SERVE TO AGGRAVATE SITUATION.

3. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS ARE MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF AND AS SUCH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO SAME CONSIDERATIONS EXTENDED TO ANY OTHER STAFF MEMBER. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED POST ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF INTENDED ACTION TO CORRECT BILLETING PROBLEM CREATED BY THIS INCREASE.

4. UPON APPROVAL BY BUREAU AND MARINE CORPS OF INCREASE REQUESTED, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO EXPEDITE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL.

5. AS POST IS AWARE, C.O., MSG BN WILL VISIT POST DURING PERIOD 16-18, JANUARY. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED OF T/O INCREASE AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO ADDRESS HOUSING DURING COURSE OF HIS VISIT. VANCE

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